

A RAGING TORRENT.

The Texas Express on the St. Louis, Leon Mountain and Southern Goes Through a Trestle.

Trainmen Badly Injured and Many Passengers Narrowly Escape Drowning. The Mail All Lost.

St. Louis, Mo., March 6.—A railroad accident on the Iron Mountain Railway near De Soto, Mo., last night, while not being at all unusual in regard to fatal casualties, proves to have been quite remarkable in several circumstances which attended it. It occurred at Victoria, thirty-nine miles south of here, a little after 10 o'clock, and was occasioned by the giving way under a train of the trestle which crosses Joachim creek at that point. The train was the Texas express, and consisted of baggage, express and mail cars, a smoker, two passenger coaches and four sleepers, carrying about 180 passengers. A heavy rain had fallen all day, and the creek was much swollen. At Hamilton, the first station this side of the trestle, the engineer received orders to run cautiously, as the rain had been heavy and the creek was out of its banks. Engineer Kelly says he ran slow beyond that point and both he and his fireman, William Hatch, watched the track very carefully. As he approached the trestle Kelly observed that the track was entirely straight and level, showing nothing wrong, and he went on without the slightest fear or hesitation, but when his engine reached about the middle of the trestlework he felt the whole structure sinking beneath him. In an instant he opened the valve operating the air brakes and brought the train to so quick a stop that the front end of one of the cars was crushed in by the sudden shock. This saved the coaches, but the baggage, mail, express and smoking cars went into the raging torrent below, carrying with them all the men on board. Engineer Kelly and Fireman Hatch went down with the engine and were submerged in the flood. Kelly, in his struggles to free himself, found one of his feet was held fast, but at the same instant and just as he realized he must drown, the engine turned over, a foot was released and he came to the surface. Seizing a passing log he clung to it desperately and was swept down the torrent and lodged against a tree 150 yards below. With scarcely strength enough to move, he clasped his legs and arms around the limb of a tree and lay motionless, unconscious, and was not restored until two or three hours after he had been taken from the tree, when he found himself kindly cared for in a house in Victoria. His face and hands are severely cut, two of his toes cut from one of his feet, and he is very badly bruised in various parts of the body. He will recover. Fireman Hatch was carried about 500 yards down the stream and lodged in a mass of brush or drift, and was rescued soon after the flood subsided. He is good deal bruised but not seriously hurt. The postal car was swept away some distance, and as the water ran through it from end to end the mail was washed out and is now scattered over miles of territory or unburied in the mud of the creek. It is regarded as an almost total loss, the whole of it being completely soaked and the addresses of the letters being obliterated. Postal Clerk McCullough, Shafter and Ryan were badly bruised and almost drowned, and being stripped for work they lost all clothes, gold watches and about \$250 in money, which were carried away by the flood.

The smoker, which is said to have contained some twenty passengers, was swept down about 100 feet below the trestle and all of its occupants believed to have been saved. They succeeded in getting outside of the car and clung to its top until they were rescued. There is some doubt about the baggage and express men except being rescued, but a late dispatch from the wreck says that none of the trainmen were lost. Last night a special train was sent from here between 12 and 1 o'clock conveying physicians and medical supplies. This train returned this afternoon and brought a number of passengers and trainmen who did not care to wait at the wreck until the trestle was repaired. As the water subsided sufficiently a large gang was put to work and the new crossing finished this afternoon, and trains are now running regularly. The cause of the unprecedented flood is believed to be a cloud burst which took place late in the evening, and filled the creek which runs between the rugged hills for miles so full that it became a raging torrent, with a current of over twenty miles per hour, and swept everything before it.

A full list of casualties cannot be obtained tonight, but aside from Henry Byron of Jamestown, N. Y., who was found drowned in the smoker, and Brynes, a brakeman, who had his leg dislocated, no one but those mentioned were in any way seriously injured. Nearly one-half of those in the smoking car lost most of their clothing, it being torn from their persons either in getting out of the car or by the rushing water through which they were dragged ashore by ropes.

A farmer named Andrew Whitehead of Bayley did heroic work in saving passengers, he having swum several times to the smoker and each time returned with one of the unfortunate who were clinging to the roof of the car. Several of the passengers in the sleepers also aided materially in the work, and Conductor Gannon of the train and all of the train crew labored like Trojans in rescuing those on the car.

The mail is said to have been the largest ever sent over the road, and the losses will fall heavily on this city where about three-quarters of the matter originated. Registered matter was also very heavy and valuable, consisting largely of remittances from firms here to their correspondents in Texas. There were separate pouches for Palestine, Dallas, Texas, Kansas, Hot Springs and Memphis, and one from New York for Houston, Tex. There were also twenty-eight registered packages for smaller stations. The paper mail is said to be a total loss. All of the letter mail that can be found will be brought here and every effort will be made to ascertain to whom it belongs. An express packer without an address or anything of the kind which it can be identified containing \$37,000 was found to day, and it is not unlikely others will be discovered in the bed of the creek or in the woods.

A CREVASSE.
NEW ORLEANS, La., March 5.—The Red levee in Madison parish broke last night. Inspectors report a failure to close the break and the abandonment of all work on it. The crevasse will cause considerable damage.

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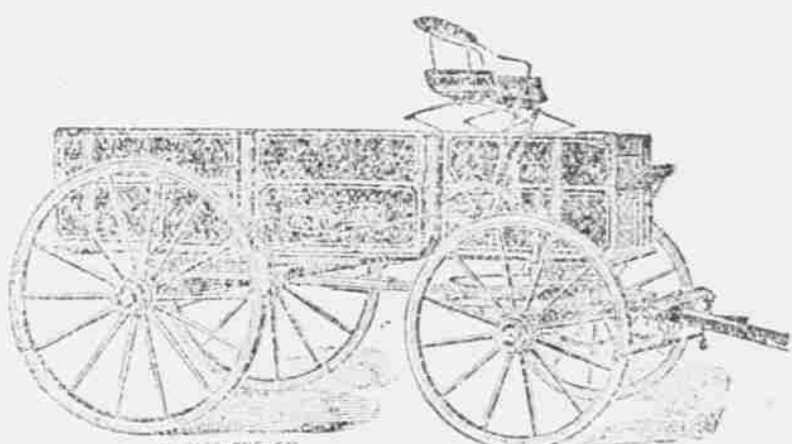
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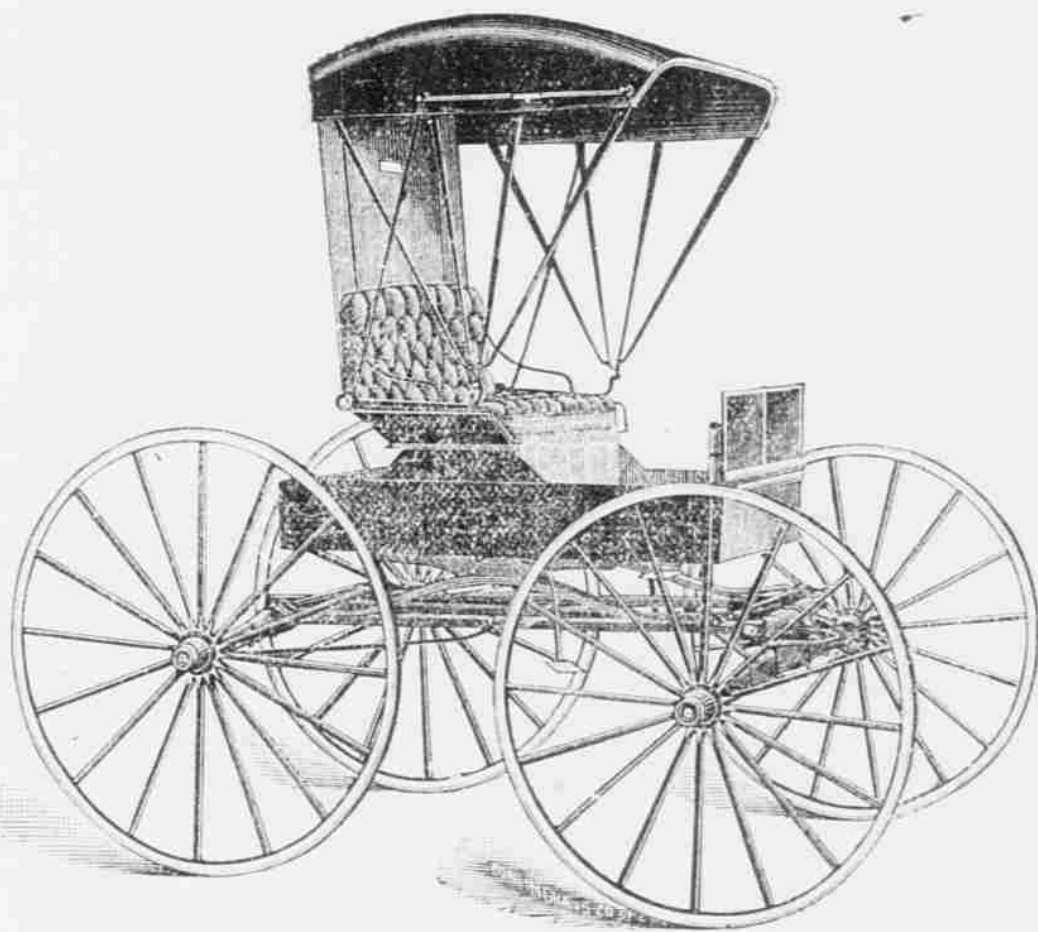


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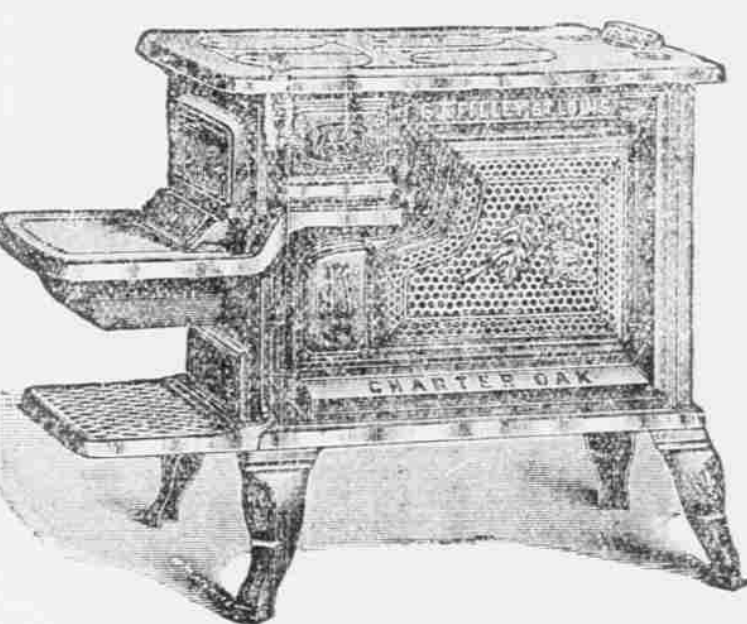
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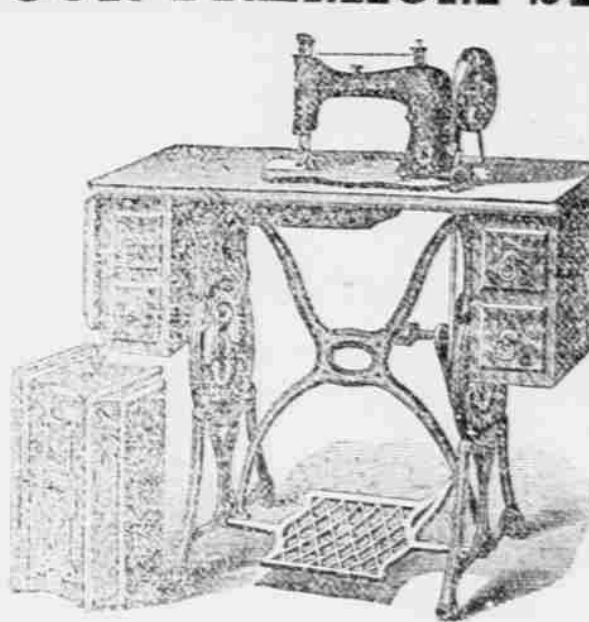
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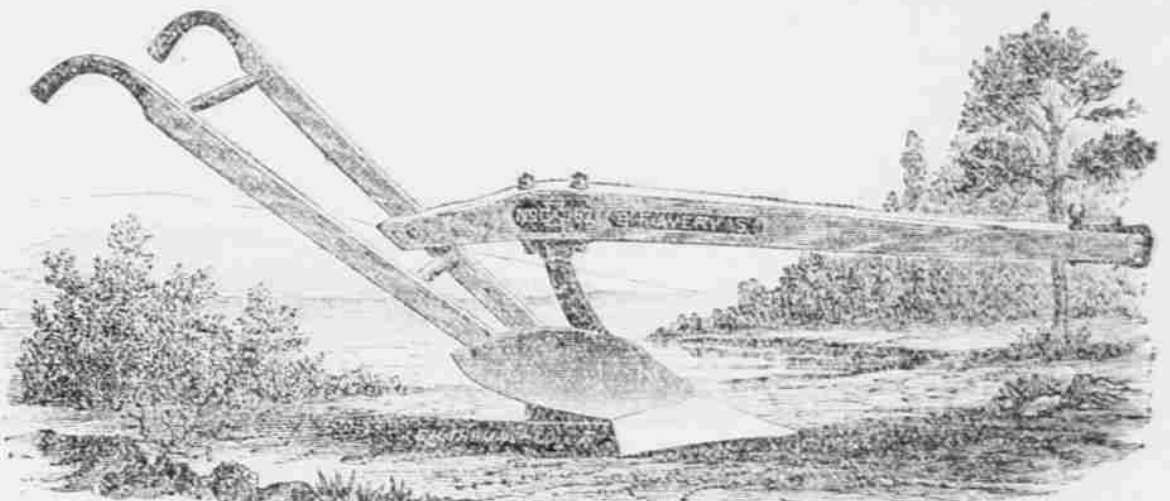
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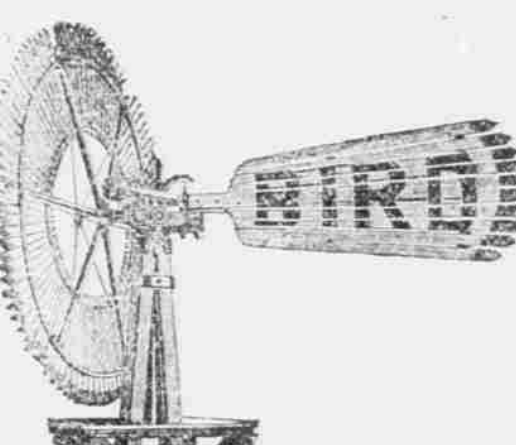
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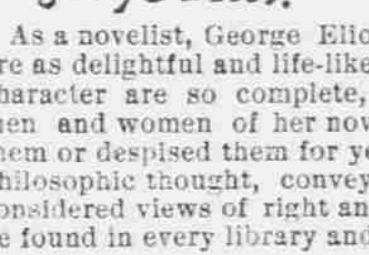


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